

REMARKS

Claims 133-136, 153-168, 173-176, 181-184, 189-192, 197-200 and 205-208 are pending in the application, with claims 133-136 being independent. Claims 201-204 have been canceled, claims 133-136 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 201-204, and claims 161 and 207 have been amended to correct minor errors. No new matter has been introduced.

Initially, applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview granted to the undersigned on July 8, 2008. The undersigned called the Examiner to confirm that claims 201-208 had not been rejected under section 102(e), and the Examiner confirmed this.

Claims 133-136, 153-168, 173-176, 181-184, 189-192 and 197-200 have rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ise (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0028329). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendment of independent claims 133-136 to include the subject matter of claims 201-204, which were not rejected as being anticipated by Ise.

Claims 201-208 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-68 of U.S. Patent No. 7,342,355, which issued from U.S. Application No. 10/024,699. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the terminal disclaimer that is being filed with this reply.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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